APPENDIX B.—*contd.*

MR. R. BHARMAPPA NAIK, Minority Interest, Polegars.—

Q.—57. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether there is any circular dated 25th September 1888, issued from the Education Department in the matter of the grant of scholarships to Polegar students?

(*b*) If so, what are the details?

(*c*) Whether these rules are in force now?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—57. (*a*) No such circular is reported to be traceable.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of reply to (*a*)

MR. R. BHARMAPPA NAIK (Minority Interest) Polegars.—

Q.—58. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether they are aware of the fact that the foundation stone for constructing Nayakar Hostel at Chitaldrug was laid by the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, on 26th February 1932, under the Presidentship of Mr. Chinnobiah?

(*b*) Whether the Government have encouraged by giving help for the education of the poor students of this community?

(*c*) If so, what is all the help rendered?

(*d*) Whether it is possible to grant scholarships to the students of this community separately?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—58. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In 1931-32, twelve scholarships were allotted to this community in the University, but only one awarded for want of candidates; 19 were awarded in the high school stage and 29 in the middle school stage; a maintenance grant of Rs. 17½ per mensem has also been sanctioned to the Naik's Hostel at Chitaldrug.

(*d*) The Nayakars (Bedars) are treated as a separate group, under backward classes from 1931-32.

MR. S. V. HANUMANTHA RAJU (Minority Interest) Arya Kshatriyas.—

Q.—59. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) What is the principle underlying the classification

of communities as backward and depressed and when did such a principle begin ?

(*b*) On what principle has the backward community been classified as majority and minority groups ?

(*c*) Has any community considered as backward become now a forward one ?

(*d*) Whether the Government are aware that many of the minority communities are generally poor ?

(*e*) Whether the Government have considered the reasons for such communities not progressing mentally, materially and economically; whether even now the Government will try to uplift them ?

(*f*) (i) Are the Government aware that they have not created any facilities to the Arya Kshatriya Samaj, though the latter has several times brought to notice the poor condition of the people of the community with a view to uplift them mentally; (ii) will they be pleased to create facilities to the Samaj even now by taking into consideration their representation and suggestions ?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—59. (*a*) Any caste, tribe or community which has less than five per cent of its total population literate in English is reckoned as backward. Adikarnatakas, Adidravidas, Lambanies (Banajars), Koramas, Voddas and such others who are very low in the scale of literacy are classified as depressed classes. The principle was enunciated in 1917.

(*b*) Communities which have a population of three lakhs and more are treated as separate (major) groups for the award of backward class scholarships and smaller (minor) communities of similar social and economic conditions are grouped together.

(*c*) This question cannot be answered till the latest census figures are available.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Yes. Government are doing in all they can for the uplift of the backward and the depressed classes.

(*f*) (i) No.

(ii) Any representations made will receive due consideration.

MR. RAMALINGAM (Minority Interest) Depressed classes.—

Q.—61. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) If they are aware how many *jambava mathas*